

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, and 10 remain in the application with claims 1, 5, and 10 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to claims 1 and 10.

The claims have been amended to include the punctuation as noted by the examiner and to amend claim 10 to indicate the recording medium.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Cabrera et al.

As previously explained this invention relates to a central processing unit and a memory in which a number of modules exist in the memory for access by the central processing unit. Each of the modules may have a number of applications and device drivers, for example, which are referred to as components. In the event that the system is shut down, it is known to have periodically taken a so-called snapshot of the operations of the system, so that upon restarting the system the proper locations can be re-attained. According to the present invention, it is simply not enough just to have a snapshot so upon restarting the previous operational parameters can be regained but to provide an indication of dependency between and among the various applications and device drivers so that the most important application will be restarted first, for example. Thus, the sequence based on the dependency relationship among the

various components is an important feature of the present invention.

The claims have been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

As previously noted, Cabrera et al. relates to a system for administering multiple snapshot providers and employs a so-called volume snapshot service coordinator. That coordinator has information regarding which snapshot service providers are assigned to which target objects, so that when the snapshots are taken the snapshots are then returned to the volume snapshot service coordinator. Nevertheless, Cabrera et al. does not disclose the feature of the present invention relating to the storage of the dependency relationship and then reading out the dependency relationship in a sequence based on that dependency relationship from the status storing database unit, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Cabrera et al. fails to anticipate the present invention, as recited in the amended claims.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 4 and 8 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Cabrera et al.

Claims 4 and 8 depend from claims 1 and 5 which for the reasons set forth hereinabove are thought to be patentably distinct over the cited references and, for at least those very same reasons, claims 4 and 8 are also submitted to be patentably distinct thereover.

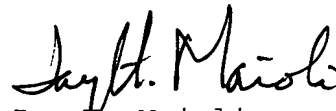
Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that a data processing apparatus for operating a central processing unit and a memory having a plurality of modules, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited reference.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendment raises no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search because the invention has simply been explained in more definite terms in the amended claims, which would not require further consideration and/or search.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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